

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS OF NEW YORK'S HUD- SON VALLEY HONOR FLIGHT

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the 98 World War II veterans of the third Hudson Valley Honor Flight, who are traveling to our nation's capital and seeing the memorials that stand as a tribute to their selfless service for the first time.

Because of these Honor Flights, 98,500 veterans since 2005 have had the chance to see our national monument to their service. As a son of a Navy veteran, it is a tremendous honor for me to welcome these American heroes to Washington, and I am proud to see them off in recognition of their service to our nation.

We owe these brave veterans a debt of gratitude. They stood in defense of our freedoms and the freedoms of those around the world. Their sacrifice made our country and the world a safer place. Our nation can never fully repay our veterans for their service, but we can continue to honor all the brave veterans who fought for our country and the many who gave their lives in defense of our way of life.

Mr. Speaker, today we should honor the sacrifices of these 98 courageous veterans from the Hudson Valley who bravely stood up in defense of our freedoms. Please join me in thanking these American veterans for their tremendous service to an eternally grateful nation.

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS DAY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, Alzheimer's disease has risen to a global crisis, as approximately 36 million people are living with dementia worldwide and someone new develops dementia every four seconds. September 21 is Alzheimer's Awareness Day, a day to renew our commitment to change the course of this debilitating disease. Alzheimer's has afflicted millions of Americans, with millions more expected to be affected in the future. While awareness of the disease has increased because of campaigns such as World Alzheimer's Month and Awareness Day, there is more to be done to increase public awareness, as well as providing more funding for research and public education. This disease also impacts families, with more than 15 million Americans providing unpaid care for a person with Alzheimer's or other dementia. And 17.4 billion hours of care are valued at

more than \$200 billion. And so we acknowledge the need for a commitment to this disease as we recognize September 21, 2013 as Alzheimer's Awareness Day.

SACRED HEART REHABILITATION CENTER'S AIDS CARE PROGRAM

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 20, 2013

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating and recognizing the 25th anniversary of Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center's AIDS Care Program.

Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center is located in the Fifth Congressional District. For 25 years, the rehabilitation center has provided mid-Michigan residents with free and confidential HIV/AIDS services, and I ask the 113th Congress to join me in recognizing them for their hard work and dedication.

In September 1988, Sacred Heart's AIDS Care Program had humble beginnings with only one volunteer and one client. 25 years later, they have 11 professional staff that provides care at no cost to the community.

Thanks to the Ryan White Federal Care Act, the annual AIDS Walk Great Lakes Bay Region, and United Way of Bay County, Sacred Heart is able to provide free and confidential care case management, housing assistance, monthly client support groups, patient navigation, client emergency funds, substance abuse and mental health treatment. Lastly, Sacred Heart provides HIV prevention education and HIV testing at several locations in our district.

Since its beginning in 2005, the donors, sponsors, volunteers and staff of Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center—through AIDS Walk Great Lakes Bay Region—have raised nearly \$400,000 to support the AIDS Care Program, making it the largest AIDS Walk among the AIDS Walk Michigan cities. Additionally, Sacred Heart is deeply honored to host Olympic Gold Champion Greg Louganis who has so courageously lived with HIV for 25 years. He is a true inspiration to so many people and is the keynote speaker for the 25th Anniversary celebration and will be participating in the Great Lakes Bay Region's AIDS Walk.

The services provided by Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center greatly benefits Michigan and the Fifth Congressional District. I offer this CONGRESSIONAL RECORD to honor the 25th Anniversary of Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center's HIV/AIDS Care Program.

RESTORING HEALTHY FORESTS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1526) to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 1526. While I support efforts to find consistent funding for rural schools, this bill goes too far, increasing logging to unsustainable levels and undermining the existing environmental laws that protect our public lands.

H.R. 1526 creates "timber production zones" in every national forest that must meet timber volume targets set at half of what the forest grows each year. Ultimately, this would require logging and road building in currently protected, roadless areas and would limit public input and scientific and judicial review. The bill also creates an expedited environmental review process for governor-designated "high risk areas," that could open roadless areas to grazing and timber harvests. Finally, the bill authorizes "community forest designation areas" that devolve forest management from the federal government to state boards. This would reverse 100 years of forest management precedent and limit or eliminate access for recreation, hunting, and fishing.

Our national forests are a public resource and must be sustainably managed for generations to come. Today's bill would undermine that mission, and I urge a no vote.

NUTRITION REFORM AND WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. YVETTE D. CLARK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to voice my opposition to H.R. 3102, the Nutrition Reform and Work Opportunity Act of 2013, which calls for \$40 billion in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as the SNAP program. This program currently provides food assistance to a total of 47 million Americans, 3.1 million of which are New Yorkers. Without SNAP, these recipients would not have access to one of our most basic human needs—food.

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